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ATT: APPLICATION BRANCH

Re: U.S. Application of Marco PIVA and Maurizio BIANCHI for "APPARATUS  
AND METHOD FOR READING AN OPTICAL CODE"

Our Ref: Q-54188

Sir:


Attached hereto is the application identified above including the claim to  
priority, executed Declaration, Assignment, Preliminary Amendment,  
Information Disclosure Statement and formal drawings containing Figures 1-  
06. The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims .....	35 - 20 = 15	x \$18(09) =	270.00
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Base Fee (\$760.00/\$380.00) .....			760.00
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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE .....</b>			<b>1070.00</b>

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application, excess claim fee and recordal of the Assignment. The Patent  
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Priority is claimed for this application from European Appl. 98830336.8  
filed June 1, 1998. The priority document will be submitted in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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